REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1-41 and 62-80 (Group I – drawn to a polishing method), and claims 42-61 (Group II – drawn to a method of forming a semiconductor device). Applicant hereby elects without traverse claims 1-41 and 62-80 (Group I) for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 42-61 (Group II) have been canceled without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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